

Protocol of Intentions between the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Poland on cooperation in natural and man-made technological emergency prevention and response.

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As a result of discussions in Washington, DC and Warsaw, Poland between representatives of the Ministry of Interior and Administration of the Republic of Poland and representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency of the United States of America, deep satisfaction was expressed with the cooperative activities between their agencies. The Ministry of the Interior and Administration of the Republic of Poland and the Federal Emergency Management Agency of the United States of America, hereinafter the Parties, intend to initiate the following cooperative activities and projects in the areas of emergency preparedness and natural and man-made technological disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery:

I. Scope of Cooperation.

a. The Parties intend to cooperate in natural and man-made technological disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery in the areas of training, expert assistance, and exchange of experiences.

II. Cooperation Between Agencies.

a. Design and initiate prototypes of cooperation between the Ministry of

Interior and Administration of the Republic of Poland and the Federal Emergency Management Agency of the United States of America, that intend to enlist the participation of their national, regional, and local government offices.

b. Organize the exchange of emergency managers and/or technical experts to develop specific activities and share experience, information, and scientific and practical data in the areas of emergency management and disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery including search and rescue and in prevention and suppression of fires.

c. Conduct two events, with time frame to be determined between the Parties, between the Ministry of the Interior and Administration of the Republic of Poland and the Federal Emergency Management Agency of the

United States of America, and their national, regional, and local government emergency services. These events may include reciprocal visits for familiarization, training and to observe exercises.

III. Preparedness, Training and Exercises.

- a. Organize the exchange of emergency management practitioners, trainers and/or instructors to develop training materials and courses of instruction to improve emergency management and disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery techniques and general emergency management practices.
- b. Participate as observers in emergency management and/or disaster operations, exercises and simulations, and exchange delegations to attend seminars and workshops in the areas of emergency management and disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

IV. Information Exchange, Scientific and Technical Cooperation.

- a. Increase the exchange of emergency information as well as scientific and practical data in the areas of emergency management and disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery via seminars and professional conferences.
- b. Exchange lessons learned from emergency response operations carried out by both Parties in response to natural and man-made disasters via seminars and professional conferences.
- c. Initiate the exchange of information on earthquakes, fires, flood and debris flow damage, risk assessment, mitigation measures, and organize joint scientific and practical seminars on the above subjects.

V. Management of the Cooperative Process.

- a. Hold an annual meeting to develop a detailed work plan of events for the coming year.
- b. Exchange proposed implementation plans for the Work Plan for

VI. Implementation.

Implementation by the Parties of this Protocol of Intentions and annual Work Plan developed pursuant to this Protocol are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and resources.

VII. Final Provisions.

- a. Activities under this Protocol of Intentions may commence upon signature and may continue for an unlimited period of time.

b. This Protocol of Intentions may be modified by written concurrence of both Parties.

c. Activities conducted pursuant to, this Protocol of Intentions may be terminated by either Party by written notification to, the other Party, to, take effect three months from the date of the notification.